



**Testimony of  
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Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
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Good Day Senator Flexer, Representative Hennessy, Senator Martin, Representative Yaccarino and members of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with testimony regarding **House Bill 5415, An Act Concerning Transportation for Veterans**. My name is Scott Jackson and I am the Commissioner of the Department of Labor.

This bill calls for DOL, in consultation with DOT, to develop a program through which veterans who demonstrate a financial hardship in securing transportation may apply to DOL for a voucher to be used on any state-owned or controlled bus transportation. Although this legislation is well intentioned, the Governor's budget does not anticipate the revenue loss created by this legislation, and as such we must respectfully oppose this legislation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.